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Application Number	09/960,431
Filing Date	September 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	T.R. Hansen et al.
Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	J. Ludlow
Attorney Docket Number	P-5055D1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Invention: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING MAGNETIC PARTICLES IN FLUID SAMPLES TO COLLECT DNA OR RNA FROM A SAMPLE**

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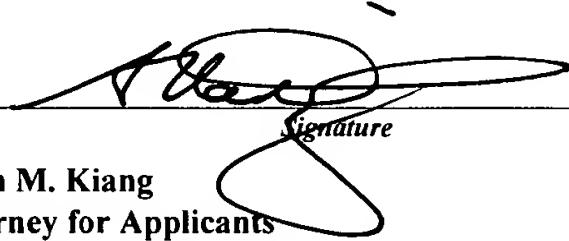
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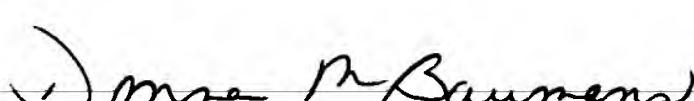
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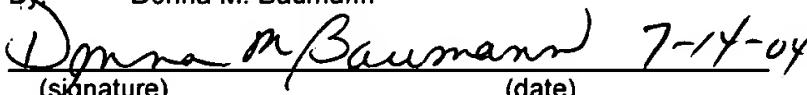
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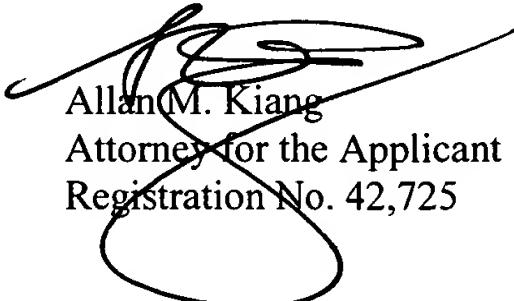
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Sir:

This submission is filed in connection with the accompanying Request for  
Continued Examination of the subject patent application. A final Office Action was  
mailed on February 12, 2004.

The claims of the present application are believed to be in condition for  
allowance, and early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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